

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1811 - HB 1559

March 16, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes firefighters to receive state educational incentives in an amount up to \$1,000 upon achieving certain certifications defined by the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. Expands the definition of "firefighter" to include volunteer firefighters.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Increase State Expenditures - \$16,026,300 Recurring
\$21,023,400 One-Time

Assumptions:

- Active firefighters who have already achieved one or more levels of certification would receive \$1,000 for each level achieved. The Commission estimates approximately 21,000 levels of certification will be issued. This will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures. (21,000 @ \$1,000 = \$21,000,000)
- The Commission estimates approximately 6,000 levels of certification will be issued on an annual basis. This will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures. (6,000 @ \$1,000 = \$6,000,000)
- By expanding the definition of "firefighter" and by creating education incentives, the pool of firefighters eligible for the annual pay supplement of \$450 each will increase. The Commission estimates approximately 21,750 additional firefighters will receive the pay supplement on an annual basis. This will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures. (21,750 @ \$450 = \$9,787,500)
- A recurring increase in state expenditures for the salary, benefits and operational expenses for five positions for the Commission to administer the provisions of this bill. (\$238,800)
- A one-time increase in state expenditures for office furnishing and computer equipment. (\$23,400)

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director